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1. HAYA DE LA TORRE RECEIVED 65 OF THE 85 SECRET BALLOTS CAST FOR PRESIDENT OF PERU'S CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY JULY 27 (REFTEL). FOCEP'S GENARO LEDESMA RECEIVED 16 VOTES AND FOUR WERE BLANK. THE LEFT HAD PLANNED TO PRESENT A SYMBOLIC OPPOSITION LIST INCORPORATING DELEGATES FROM FOCEP, UDP, PCP, PSR AND PDC (PARA 2, REFTEL). HOWEVER, LEADERS OF THE PCP, PSR (RODRIGUEZ FIGUEROA) AND THE PDC CLAIMED THAT THEY HAD NOT BEEN CONSULTED REGARDING THE LEFT'S SLATE AND BOYCOTTED THE ELECTIONS.

2. AT THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY JULY 28, FOCEP PRESENTED A MOTION CALLING FOR AN END TO THE DE FACTO MILITARY GOVERNMENT AS INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE ASSEMBLY'S SOVEREIGNTY. THE MOTION WAS SIGNED BY LEDESMA, BLANCO, NAPURI, CUENTAS, CORNEJO GOMEZ AND MAGDA BENAVIDES OF FOCEP AND ANTONIO ARAGON OF PSR, NOW ASSOCIATED WITH HUGO BLANCO. OTHER NON-TROTSKYITE FOCEP MEMBERS CONDEMNED THE MOTION AND DURING AN INFORMAL PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER THE INAUGURATION, ATTACKED THE PROPOSAL AS "COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY". IN A HEATED ARGUMENT ONE OF FOCEP'S OFFICIALS CHARGED THAT HIS
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COLLEAGUE HUGO BLANCO WAS AN "AGENT OF THE CIA".

3. COMMENT: THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE ASSEMBLY HAD BEEN SET FOR AUGUST FIRST, BUT HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF THE WEEK WHEN THE DELEGATES WILL DEBATE AND VOTE ON RULES OF ORDER. WITH THE PSR APPARENTLY IRREVOCABLY SPLIT, ANIMOSITY BETWEEN THE TROTSKYITES AND NON-TROTSKYITES OF FOCEP AND AN

IDEOLOGICAL GAP BETWEEN THE MOSCOW-LINE PCP AND EVERYONE ELSE,
THE LEFT APPROACHES THE ASSEMBLY ABOUT AS DIVIDED AS IT WAS AT
THE BEGINNING OF THE ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN. THE SUBSTANTIVE WORK
OF THE ASSEMBLY SEEMS MORE AND MORE LIKELY TO EMERGE FROM THE
DEBATES BETWEEN APRA AND PPC. DECON 12-1-80. SHLAUDEMAN

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